GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:530
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of the works on doubling of the railway network in Kerala is at very slow pace;

(b) if so, by when the doubling projects under various stages of construction and when each of them is expected to be completed; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the said work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 530 BY SHRI PANNIAN RAVINDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.02.2008 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE IN KERALA.

(a) & (b) : Details of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala is as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Schedule for completion
1.	Shoranur-Kuttipuram-Calicut doubling(86 kms)	Completed.
2.	Calicut-Mangalore doubling221 kms	218kmscompleted and balance 3kms during 2008-09 completed and balance
3.	Ernakulam-Mulanturutti doubling (17.37kms)	2008-09
4.	Mavelikara-Kayankulam (7.89 kms)	2008-09
5.	Cheppad-Kayankulam (7.76 kms)	2008-09
6.	Mavelikara-Chengannur patch doubling(12.3 kms)	2008-09
7	Cheppad-Haripad - patch doubling (5.28 kms)	2008-09
8.	Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara doubling (24 kms)	2009-10
9.	Chengannur-Chingavanam doubling (26.5 kms)	2009-10
10.	Kankanadi-Panambur section patch doubling (19 kms)	2010-11
11.	Kuruppantara-Chingavanam (26.54 kms)	2010-1112.

12. Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18.13 kms) 2009-10

These projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources, keeping in view their operational priority and handing over of the required land by the Government of Kerala.

(c): In order to expedite projects, a number of initiatives have been taken for generating additional resources through Public Private Partnership, Cost Sharing by State Governments, Funding from Ministry of Defence and through Ministry of Finance for National Projects. Funds have also been allocated through internal resources generation to expedite completion. Government of Kerala is also being pursued to expedite handing over of the land required for ongoing projects.